

REMARKS

A petition to extend the time for response by three (3) months is enclosed herewith.

A new Abstract of the Disclosure has been added. Claims 21, 28, 29, and 36 have been amended. A new independent claim 37 has been added. Claims 19 - 37 are currently pending in the present application.

In Office Action, the drawings are objected to. Also, in Office Action, claims 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Furthermore, in Office Action, claims 21, 22, 28, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In Office Action, claims 19, 21-25, 27, 28, and 31-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being In Office Action, claims 19, 21-25, 27, 28, and 31-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by Anderson US Patent No. 2,385,961. Additionally, in the Office Action, claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Anderson US Patent No. 2,385,961 in view of Parera US Patent No. 3,733,749. Moreover, in the Office Action, claims 20 and 26 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

With regard to the drawing objection, Applicants agree to provide drawings showing the noted features of the "hinge" and the "safety catch" and Applicants note that such drawings will be provided shortly.

Favorable reconsideration of claims 19, 21 – 25, and 27 - 36 is respectfully requested in view of the amendment of claims 21, 28, 29, and 36 and the following comments.

The present invention relates to a refrigerator that includes a housing, the housing having at least two housing parts, including a body and at least one door, and the housing enclosing a heat-insulated interior compartment. The housing also has a door safety catch that includes a catch element pivotably mounted against a restoring force on a first housing part and a projection mounted on a second housing part and cooperating with the catch element. A shaft about which the catch element can be pivoted is mounted in the first housing part while crossing a side wall of the first housing part.

Anderson US Patent No. 2,385,961 discloses a refrigerator having a door safety catch.

Parera US Patent No. 3,733,749 discloses reversible hinges between a door and a housing part.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Anderson US Patent No. 2,385,961 nor Parera US Patent No. 3,733,749, alone or in combination, teach or disclose the drainage pump of the present invention. For example, Anderson US Patent No. 2,385,961 does not teach or disclose that its door safety catch includes a catch element with a shaft about which the catch element can be pivoted and that is mounted in a first housing part while crossing a side wall of the first housing part.

For these and other reasons, it is submitted that the prior art of record does not disclose the subject matter defined by independent claim 19. Therefore, claim 19 is allowable. Claims 21 – 25 and 27 - 36 depend ultimately from claim 19 and are allowable for the same reasons and also because they recite additional patentable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of claims 19 - 37 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

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